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SUBJECT: "RETURN TO COUNTRYSIDE" CAMPAIGN

REF: A) KINSHASA 4531 B) KINSHASA 5418 C) KINSHASA 5549

D) KINSHASA A-54 (1975)

1. AT JULY 2 MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MOBUTU ANNOUNCED
POSTPONEMENT IN ENFORCEMENT OF MAY 21 LAW CONTROLLING MOVEMENT
OF URBAN UNEMPLOYED TO RURAL AREAS (REF A), FROM JULY-AUGUST TO
SEPTEMBER. THIS, SPOKESMAN SAID, WILL ALLOW CITIZENS TWO MONTHS
TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO RURAL AREAS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND POSTPONEMENT OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
LAW. INCREASING UNFAVORABLE POPULAR REACTION, BROUGHT ABOUT BY
OVER-ZEALOUSNESS OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES IN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
IN SPORADIC APPLICATION OF LAW, APPEARS TO BE MAIN CAUSE FOR
DELAY. LIKELIHOOD IS THAT, COME SEPTEMBER, MOBUTU WILL AGAIN
BACK DOWN AS HE DID IN 1975 (REF D) BY CLAIMING VOLUNTARY
PROGRAM WORKED.

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